

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 123
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. William L. Brooks of
Henderson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of William L. Brooks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, William L. Brooks made manifest his great valor and
patriotism through his astute service in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, a devoted public servant, Mr. Brooks served as Lexington Alderman,
County Commissioner and Assistant Attorney General for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, most recently, William Brooks served with acumen and alacrity as Counsel
to the Henderson County Commission, in which position he earned the unbridled respect of his
colleagues for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, committed to providing equal access to justice for low-income individuals, Mr. Brooks was among the first 150 attorneys to volunteer for the Pro Bono Project of West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his four years as a volunteer with the program, William L. Brooks accepted more than ten pro bono cases; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Lexington, Mr. Brooks served as a Trustee until the time of his death, and, for the past ten years, he taught the Jack Hay Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, William L. Brooks served on the Alumni Public Affairs Committee for the university for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, characteristic of his faithful involvement in civic affairs, Mr. Brooks was a member of the Lexington Rotary Club, serving as President and being named both Rotarian of the Year and a Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, William Brooks was also deeply devoted to his family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of Mr. William L. Brooks, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.